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WOMEN EFFICIENT AS BANK CLERKS

In Minor Posts They Outshine "Cigarette" Men, Says President Sands in Address.

"Women as clerks in banking establishments have given great satisfaction," said President O. J. Sands, of the American National Bank, in an address last night before the Richmond Chapter, American Institute of Banking. "At keeping individual books women have proven more efficient than men, where they have been given a trial. They are at work on time, they are patient and methodical, and above all, they are not 'cigarette' men. They stay on the job."

This statement was made by Mr. Sands by way of illustrating the need for young bank clerks to give conscientious study to banking systems and to the details of the business in order that they may raise out of the ranks of competent clerkship. Unless they give themselves other qualifications in addition to efficient clerical ability the young man may eventually be pushed from the clerkships by women, was the intimation.

Talk of Bankers' Club.
The suggestion made by Mr. Sands that the 200 bankers and bank employees of Richmond organize a bankers' club was well received. It was his idea to secure rooms, or an entire house, in a convenient section of the city and convert them into a place where men in the banking business can come together at all times of the day for pleasure, study, recreation and physical exercise.

"The new Federal income tax is just now a vast puzzle," said George Ryan, attorney for the Virginia Bankers' Association, in an address on this new law. "To many of us it looks like a Chinese puzzle, which cannot be solved. However, when the courts decide have been worn off I believe the present law will be found to be an equitable and a most efficient means of raising revenue for the Federal government. We are disposed to believe it is absolutely right now, but I can tell you that the income tax is here to stay."

Mr. Ryan, Mr. Sands and L. Z. Morris engaged in a brief discussion of the Virginia income tax law and the probable effect of the Federal income tax on it. Mr. Ryan was of the opinion that the next Legislature will raise the exemption to \$3,000 or \$4,000 which if properly collected will yield as much revenue as the present exemption of \$2,000. Mr. Sands stated that he believed that the State income tax should be abolished.

COLONEL McCABE TO SPEAK

Will Make Address on Early Attempts to Found University at Henricopolis.
Colonel W. Gordon McCabe, president of the Virginia Historical Society, will deliver the annual address before that body at some date to be selected in January. He will take as his subject the early attempts to found an educational system, academy, college and university in Virginia at Henricopolis, now Dutch Gap. It is a subject which Colonel McCabe has given much study, and his address is expected to be a valuable contribution to the history of the period.

Following new members have been elected by the executive committee: John Temple Bickett, New York; Mrs. Roy L. Reed, New York; and Dr. John P. Winn, Richmond.

Extensive repairs are being made to the western wall of the society building, formerly the residence of General Robert E. Lee, to insure its preservation.

CLARK IS FINED

Fined \$10 for Being Drunk, Disorderly and Resisting Arrest.

J. T. Clarke, arrested on Monday night for being drunk and disorderly in the Main Street Station and resisting Police Officer Ryan, was fined \$10 and costs yesterday morning in Police Court. Richard Vandergriff, arrested with him on the charge of interfering with Ryan, was fined \$5 and costs for resisting a small quantity of beer from W. B. Heiser.

Charles Gibbs, colored, was fined \$5 and costs for hitting Edward Matthews, also colored, with a bottle.

A charge of stealing \$10 from the Lend-Lease Fund Company against O. W. McCauley was dismissed.

Henry Allen, colored, was fined \$10 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

Building Permits.

Building permits were issued yesterday as follows: John T. Duffy, to build a two-story frame tenement, four dwellings, on the west side of Fulton Street between Goddard and Virginia Streets, \$2,500.

Stephen Stagg, to build a one-story concrete garage on the north side of Ashland Street between Rowland and 82nd Street, \$180.

Moore & Burke, to build a one-story frame storage shed in the rear of 2107-95 Hull Street, \$25.

Edgar B. English, to repair brick dwelling at 204 East Leigh Street, \$35.

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SCOTT AND MYERS WIN BIG VICTORY

Special Jury Refuses to Indict Them for Doing What Council Said They Could Do.

ALLEY CLOSING NO NUISANCE

New Effort to Force Opening Fails, While Other Case Is Still Pending.

"We, the grand jury, upon evidence heard, and that the closing of a portion of the twenty-foot alley between Franklin Street and Park Avenue and Shafer and Harrison Streets, is not a public nuisance."

The foregoing verdict, handed down yesterday morning by a special grand jury in the Hustings Court, defeats an action brought on November 29 by citizens in the West Franklin Street neighborhood, to secure the removal of certain obstructions erected by Fred W. Scott and E. T. D. Myers in the alley that parallels Franklin Street from Shafer to Harrison.

The complaint registered by N. W. Bove, S. G. Meredith, R. B. Alpert, Cliff Weil, E. S. Boze, Bruce Bove, T. D. Newell, D. C. Kennedy and W. T. Nabright. The Hustings Court was asked to direct a grand jury investigation into what they designated a public nuisance, to the end that proceedings might be had in accordance with Section 1723a of the Code of Virginia, 1904, for the abatement of public or common nuisances.

Long Contested Case.

Yesterday's grand jury decision closes another chapter in a fight to force the removal of the obstruction that has been carried on since 1911, when the City Council passed an ordinance giving Scott and Myers the right to enclose a section of the alley 175 feet long, as part of their property. The ordinance was opposed by the City Engineer and the Fire Department, and was vetoed by the Mayor. The Council, however, passed it over the Mayor's veto.

Upon the passage of the ordinance an injunction was secured to restrain the defendants from erecting the obstruction, but it was dissolved by Judge Grinnan of the Chancery Court, who held that the persons bringing the action were not parties in interest. The case was carried to the Supreme Court of Virginia, and from there to the Supreme Court of the United States, where it is now pending.

The special grand jury that heard the nuisance charge yesterday, was composed of A. C. Harman, for mayor; Joseph E. Sore, R. H. Hardesty, Austin Brockebrough, Joseph T. Allen, C. W. Hardwick, Andrew J. Daffron and R. L. Vaden. Judge Wells of Hustings Court, part and second property lines, ingress and egress to and from the rear of the properties abutting on the alley is still possible by way of a narrow passage that formerly served the stable lot.

Counsel for the complainants claimed that the twenty-foot alley was regularly dedicated to the city, and that the building of the fence and the diversion of a strip of city property to private uses. The closing of the alley, it was claimed, injuriously affects the right of passage over a public alley, in which the community and a body politic has a common interest.

Built High Fence.

It appears from the evidence brought out yesterday that Fred W. Scott and E. T. D. Myers acquired a stable lot on the south side of the alley in question, the following year of their property, which fronts on West Franklin Street. Upon the passage of the ordinance referred to they erected seven-foot plank fences across the twenty-foot alley on their east and west property lines.

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POLICE INSPECTION

Whole Force to Go on Annual Parade Tomorrow Afternoon.
Weather permitting, Richmond will tomorrow afternoon see the entire police force on full dress parade for the annual inspection by the Board of Police Commissioners. Contrary to the usual custom of holding the formal inspection in Capitol Street at the City Hall, the force will be assembled in Nineteenth Street, just south of Broad Street. Following the inspection by Chief of Police Werner and the commissioners, the parade, headed by a brass band, will go to Main Street, thence to Fifth, to Franklin, to Adams, to Broad, to Tenth, to Capitol, to Eleventh, to Broad, to Twelfth, to Capitol, to Tenth. At that point the officers will be dismissed.

This inspection was delayed several weeks because of the failure of the manufacturers to deliver cloth for the uniforms on time. The inspection will be followed by a meeting of the commissioners.

HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Capitol Building and Loan Association Holds Annual Meeting.
The thirty-first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Capitol Building and Loan Association was held last night at the office in the Merchants' Bank Building, at which reports were made and showing the association to be in excellent condition, and the past year to have been one of the best in its long existence.

Resolution were adopted thanking the directors and officers for their efficient management of its affairs during the past year, and several speeches were made predicting a bright future for the institution.

The following officers and directors were elected: Dr. J. H. Hinchman, president; Joseph S. Wilson, vice-president; John R. Welsh, secretary and treasurer; Henry M. Ter, solicitor; James E. Donahoe, Dr. J. H. Hinchman, J. A. Grabberger, Harry M. Lawder, J. Doherty Hinchman, M. D. M. Kelly, Thomas J. Sheehy, William T. Sullivan and Joseph S. Wilson, directors; and Joseph B. Walsh, Joseph Stumpff and Joseph J. Campodonico, trustees.

HAVE NO CHOICE AS TO SUFFRAGE

Coming Either by States or by Federal Amendment, Says Miss Gordon.

Political leaders in Southern States have but one option in regard to woman suffrage, according to Miss Jean Gordon, of New Orleans, who spoke last night at the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia. They may adopt it by States, and so preserve the democratic doctrine of States' right or they may face an amendment to the Federal Constitution making female suffrage general throughout the United States. That the latter is not only possible, but entirely probable, the speaker entertained no doubt. Women vote now in ten States, she said, and will soon have the ballot in four others. These fourteen States hold the balance of power, and can carry the amendment through within five years, said Miss Gordon.

The speaker has just returned from the conference of equal suffrage leaders in Washington. President Wilson, she said, had gone as far in regard to the suffrage movement as could reasonably have been expected, having been elected by the Democratic party on a platform pledging certain distinct measures. He told the committee frankly that he could not make suffrage an administration question until those issues on which he was die-thly pledged were out of the way.

Miss Gordon was factory inspector of New Orleans, and is an authority in her State on the ballot. She won the applause of her audience by her treatment of the arguments of the anti-suffrage organizations, her argument being that the ballot was a duty which should be assumed by women, whether they wished it or not—a duty to their children and to the race which they cannot escape.

Miss Gordon was introduced by Mrs. B. R. Valentine, president of the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia.

VISIT MANY HOMES

Nurses' Association Report Shows That 300 Calls Were Answered.

Many of the sick were cared for and in a number of cases provisions were furnished by the District Nurses' Association during the month of November, the report issued yesterday shows. A total of 34 calls were answered, 14 of these were American, forty-seven colored, three German, three Greek, three Polish and three Russian. The association issued forty-seven articles to poor families, only twenty-four of which were paid for. The association also issued money being received for seven. Death homes were supplied with 219 pounds of ice. Eleven nurses were on duty. One of these was colored, and responded to the calls of colored doctors.

Paragraph Pulpit

Are You Interested?

The Publicity Committee would like some data which would enable it to answer the question: "Does it pay to advertise?" If you are interested in the continuation of the Paragraph Pulpit, will you write the committee to that effect? This does not mean that you will be solicited for funds—Unitarian Publicity Committee, 101 North Harrison Street. (Advertisement.)

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MURDER CHARGE AGAINST NEGRO

Claimed Shooting Was Accidental, But Police Say It Is Too Suspicious.

From a shotgun wound in the abdomen, Abraham Smith, colored, died yesterday morning at his home about one mile below Seven Pines, and Robert Kenny, also colored, was lodged in the Henrico County Jail by Police-man Say on the charge of murder. Kenny is alleged to have shot Smith on Monday afternoon while hunting near Seven Pines. When taken in custody, he said that it was a case of accidental shooting, but the authorities considered the circumstances surrounding the case suspicious.

I examined the gun with which the shooting was done," said Dr. Bright, "and found that the trigger worked with difficulty, and I do not believe it could have been discharged as easily as Kenny said."

With another negro, Kenny and Smith were hunting. According to Kenny's story, Smith was walking some distance ahead of him when his gun was suddenly discharged, and the lead of his rifle entered Smith's back and passed out through his stomach. That he did not die instantly was regarded as remarkable.

CHECKS LOST IN RAILWAY WRECK

Christmas Money for Rural Carriers Destroyed With Cars Near Keysville.

Dozens of mail pouches, a quantity of parcel post matter, express packages and several thousand dollars in Post-office Department checks were destroyed in the wreck which followed the derailment of a Southern Railway train near Keysville on the morning of December 3. Complaints and claims are being filed with the local post-office authorities for mail matter thought to have been lost in the wreck.

Cashier Melton, of the Richmond post-office, who acts as paymaster for the rural delivery carriers of the entire State, said yesterday that he had received complaints from twenty rural carriers who had failed to receive the checks mailed to them on December 2. The rural carrier pay roll, amounting this month to \$88,446.21, was made up on December 1 and put in the mails on the afternoon of December 2. Checks for the carriers in the northern and southern sections of the State left Richmond on the train that was wrecked.

When the train was derailed just outside of Keysville, several coaches were destroyed by fire, which broke out at once. Of the large contingent of Southern mail aboard only a single mummy rural carrier was lost.

If the usual course of action for lost pay checks is followed, the departmental red tape will not be unwound in time for the rural carriers to get their money before Christmas. In order to prevent a tardy Santa Claus, Cashier Melton has petitioned the Third Assistant Postmaster-General for a suspension of the rules in the present instance. If the department consents to waive the preliminary to the new checks can be mailed to the carriers within a few days.

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MAILING DUCKS TO CITY MARKET

Parcel Post Flooded With Fowl, Fish and Farm Products for Christmas Trade.

The first real test of the adaptability of the parcel post is being given with the approach of Christmas, and the seasonal effort of the farmers to market their products in the cities by mail. Yesterday the Richmond post-office received a wagonload of ducks, mailed and shipped by parcel post. Of course, the entire wagonload was not mailed in bulk, but was divided up into parcels weighing not more than twenty pounds each. The consignment of water fowl was from Virginia farmers to Cary Street commission merchants.

According to the records of the local post-office, the parcel post is growing in favor as a medium of marketing farm products. In the mails for the last few weeks have been brought into Richmond any quantity of butter, turkeys, chickens, and, even dressed hams. There is a noticeable scarcity of eggs in transit, say the postal authorities, although the regulations encourage their shipment. You can't mail a live duck.

While the public is remembering to shop early, don't let it forget the necessity of doing its Christmas mailing early," said Postmaster Allan yesterday. "It will be to the benefit of the service and the public. I wish again to call attention to the fact that parcels mailed during Christmas week will not move as rapidly as in normal times, so that parcels destined for Christmas delivery in New York, Philadelphia and similar points should be posted not later than the afternoon of December 22."

Dr. Abbott to Lecture.
Dr. Lawrence Abbott, president of the Outlook Company and a son of Dr. Lyman Abbott, of New York, will lecture before the Women's Club on December 15 on the subject "Reck in the Kitchen."

While in Richmond Dr. Abbott will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Boshier.

Shes Voluntary.
The White Star or America Publishing Company, of New York, brought suit in the City Circuit Court yesterday to recover \$100 from Volney, who filed an engagement in the Lyric Theatre recently. The money is claimed on an advertising account.